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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application :  
H. KUBOTA et al. :  
Serial No. 09/678,953 : Group Art Unit: unassigned  
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For: METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT PROGENITOR CELLS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment, and request entry thereof.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 8 line 4, after 'Figure 1' insert --A - 1C- -.

On page 8 line 5, after 'Figure 2' insert --A - 2F- -.

On page 8 line 6, after 'Figure 3' insert --A - 3X- -.

On page 8 line 8, after 'Figure 4' insert --A1 - 4D4- -.

On page 8 line 9, after 'Figure 5' insert --A - 5D- -.

Moreover, on page 8 lines 9 to 11, delete "is an immunofluorescence staining of AFP and ALB in *17C* hepatic colonies. Figure 6".

On page 8 line 11, after 'the' insert -- absence and --.

On page 8 line 12, delete "7" and insert in its place --6A-6B--.